



JAIL REIMBURSEMENT

BUILDING BLOCK PRIORITY 2

\$1,000,000 ON-GOING APPROPRIATION FY18

FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND

Background

The Jail Reimbursement Program provides reimbursement to Utah counties for days spent in county jails by offenders sentenced to jail as a condition of felony probation or by parolees who are held in jail. Under the current statute, the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) is responsible for the management of the program and the State Division of Finance for making payments to the counties out of funds appropriated for this purpose.

The statute sets the daily jail reimbursement rate at 50% of the daily incarceration rate as determined by the Department of Corrections or whatever is appropriated by the Legislature. At the end of each fiscal year, the Department of Corrections computes the average daily incarceration rate which is based on the last 3 fiscal years. The most recent daily incarceration rate was \$86.16, meaning that the jail reimbursement rate would be \$43.08. The amount paid to counties in FY17 was \$37.08 per day. Statute requires that the amount paid to each county shall be calculated on a pro rata basis, based on the average number of inmate days for the preceding five state fiscal years.

Request

CCJJ requests an on-going appropriation of \$1,000,000 for FY18 from the General Fund to support jail reimbursement. This replaces one-time money with on-going money which maintains jail reimbursement funding at FY17 levels. If this request is not funded, the reimbursement rate would drop to approximately \$34.91 per day.